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Transforming Mysuru to a sustainable, liveable city

MCC seeks Rs. 2,843 cr. aid from World Bank

High-level meeting held in Bengaluru with World Bank officials

This image of Mysore Palace with the Statue Circle was presented by Mysuru City Corporation in its project proposal to the World Bank.

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (RK&BCT)- A proposal by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to secure a World Bank aid of Rs. 2,843 crore to transform Mysuru into a sustainable and liveable city has been set in motion, aligning with the global objectives of sustainable urban development and climate resilience.

The financial support from the World Bank, known for funding developmental projects worldwide, will help implement and expand several initiatives to foster a sustainable ecosystem in Mysuru.

These projects are expected to significantly contribute to Mysuru's urban infrastructure, enhancing sustainability and liveability while preparing the city for future growth challenges lasting up to 40 to 50 years.

This initiative, led by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in collaboration with World Bank officials, was discussed in detail during a high-level meeting held on Friday last (Jan. 24), at Vikasa Soudha in Bengaluru. The meeting was chaired by Deepa Cholan, Secretary of Urban Development Department.

MCC Officers informed *Star of Mysore* that during her recent visit to Mysuru, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman conceptualised an integrated and sustainable development project to be funded by the World Bank. She interacted with World Bank officials after her visit, following which the MCC was directed to prepare a comprehensive project report.

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The meeting outlined several key projects

- Integrated Solid Waste Management Project: **Rs. 110 crore**
- City Surveillance System Implementation: **Rs. 410 crore**
- Digital Road Assessment and Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) Solutions: **Rs. 9.02 crore**
- Remodelling of Storm Water Drainage System: **Rs. 500 crore**
- Establishing Utility Corridors: **Rs. 400 crore**
- Upgrading Wastewater Treatment Facilities at Sewage Treatment Plants for Green Growth: **Rs. 1,138 crore**
- Enhancing Water Supply Efficiency: **Rs. 276 crore**

Eliminate middlemen role while issuing Khata: MLA

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (PM&BS)- Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) has instructed officials to ensure transparency while issuing Khata for properties and eliminate the involvement of middlemen in the process.

Chairing the progress review meeting of Town Municipal Councils (TMCs) and Town Panchayats (TPs) under Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituency at Jaladarshini Guest House here on Monday, the MLA emphasised that Khatas should be issued directly to applicants after verifying the documents, without any involvement of intermediaries. He stressed that no harassment should occur, particularly for the underprivileged. GTD urged the adoption of digitisation in the Khata issuance process, following personal inspection of properties.

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda chairing the progress review meeting at Jaladarshini Guest House yesterday.

(See MIDDLEMEN on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 28th January 2025

Union Government's top official visits RUDSETI

Mysuru, Jan.28 - Pankaj Yadav, Joint Secretary of the Union Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), recently visited RUDSET Institute in Mysuru and participated as a chief guest at the valedictory of the 6-day Financial Literacy training programme for Community Resource Persons. He distributed certificates and tool kits to the trainees on the occasion.

Speaking at the valedictory, Pankaj Yadav said that this was a special programme of NRLM (National Rural Livelihood Mission).

Pointing out that financial literacy is important for every one in this era of digital transactions, he said that a thorough understanding of digital payment systems is vital for financial literacy.

"People are falling victims to online frauds and cybercrimes, which is alarming. It is our responsibility to alert, educate and caution the gullible people against online frauds and fraudulent transactions. The Union Government has come up with several programmes in this regard. These programmes help people right from the top level to the lowest level on the importance of understanding financial literacy," he said and called upon the participants to become useful resource persons for empowering the people through financial literacy.

ZP Chief Planning Officer K.B. Prabhuswamy, Bengaluru's RST Institutions National Director Murugeshan, RUDSETI National Controller (Evaluation) R.R. Singh, NRLM District Programme Manager A.R. Asha, District Manager Basavaraj, RUDSETI, Mysuru Director K.S. Saritha and others were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

IMPORTANCE OF SPOUSE: ***Lord Narayana takes many avataras and the aim of every avatara is to save sadhus. Ramanujacharya says that only those who want to be always with the Lord can be referred to as sadhus. To these sadhus, Lord Narayana gives Himself. That is what is meant by protecting them and establishing dharma, said M.A. Venkatakrishnan in a discourse. Rama is the embodiment of dharma*** — *Rama Vigrahavan Dharmah.* ***So when He comes to the world for the sake of the sadhus, it is as if dharma itself is being established in the world. This is what is meant by*** *dharma samsthapana,* ***which is spoken of in the Bhagavad Gita. When the Lord took the Rama avatara, He married Sita, and there is a tattva behind this. Of the four ashramas, only in the brahmacharya ashrama and the sanyasa ashrama a man is without a wife. When he leaves grihastha ashrama and retires for vanaprastha ashrama, he has to take his wife with him. He cannot proceed alone.***

In temples, during the flag hoisting ceremony of utsavas, there is a rule about which priest can hoist the flag. An unmarried man, a widower or a man separated from his wife cannot perform the dwajarohana. Sastras forbid a man from performing certain rites without his wife. He cannot do agnihotra without his wife. We see the importance of a wife in the Ramayana. When Lord Rama wants to perform asvamedha yaga, the sages tell Him that since Sita is not with Him, He cannot perform the yaga. They suggest a way out. He should make a statue of Sita, which is as tall as Sita and has the same build as Sita. Lord Rama is to see the statue as Sita Herself. Rama makes such a statue and only then He is allowed to perform the yaga. — *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Boy scolded for not doing homework takes revenge

Beijing: A 10-year-old boy reprimanded by his father for not completing his homework took revenge on his parent by calling the Police and telling them that his father was hiding forbidden drugs.

The bizarre incident took place in China's Yongning County. After being severely scolded by his father for not completing his homework on time, the 10-year-old boy stormed out of the house and went straight to a nearby store and asked if he could use the phone.

The fifth grader dialled 110, China's emergency number and asked to speak to the Police, claiming that he had proof his father was concealing poppy shells, considered an illegal drug, at home.

Then he waited calmly for the Police to arrive and let them home so they could conduct a search and confirm his story.

Man had 9 cm chopstick stuck behind eyeball

Hanoi: A Vietnamese hospital recently reported the extremely rare case of a 24-year-old man who had a wooden chopstick lodged in his eye socket for three weeks without noticing.

The unnamed man was admitted to the Can Tho University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Vietnam's Can Tho Province with symptoms of pain and swelling in his left eye. The 24-year-old patient told doctors that he had been experiencing the symptoms for about three weeks. Doctors confirmed that he had 10/10 vision, with no signs of eyeball injury. A subsequent CT scan showed that he had a 9-cm-long foreign body lodged in his eye socket.

The doctors managed to safely remove the wooden chopstick from the man's left eye socket by performing a Caldwell-Luc operation.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Be on time for your child's HPV vaccination.

By Dr. Shaheen Akthar, Consultant – Obstetrics & Gynaecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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Training to provide financial help for mobile canteens

Mysuru, Jan. 28 - The Department of Tourism has invited applications from the eligible Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates for one month skill development training, under SCP and TSP scheme, for providing financial assistance to start mobile canteens.

The last date to apply is Jan. 31 and the candidates should have entrepreneurship qualities. They should be at least 10th pass and aged between 20 and 45 years. Eight SC candidates and six ST candidates will be considered for training.

For further details, log on to website *https://mysurutourism.in/notification* and *https://mysore.nic.in/en/notifications* or contact Ph: 0821-2422096, according to a press release from the Deputy Commissioner, who is also the Chairman of District Tourism Development Committee.

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REALLY...?

- ***Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 12, 2023 inaugurated the world's longest railway platform at the Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji Hubballi Station in Karnataka. The platform spans 1,507 metres, built at a cost of approximately Rs. 20 crore.***
- ***The Guinness Book of World Records confirmed the record, and a golden-coloured board with the words "You are at the world's longest platform Hubballi 185m/1507m was put up at the station."***
- ***The hilly region of Kodagu is Karnataka's just region still without a rail track.***
- ***Doddajala was the first Railway Station to be built along the Bengaluru-Chikkaballapur Light Railway Line, under the erstwhile Mysore government, in the early 1900s.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Jim: What happened to your Speedometer?
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TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 86.52
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 107.62
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.56
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.28

VOICE OF THE READER

Millennium Circle needs a clock tower

Sir,

Millennium Circle (LIC Circle) is an important junction and a famous landmark of our city. I wish this Circle should have a clock tower as almost all the tourists who come from Bengaluru side cross this Circle.

I request the authorities concern such as our MCC Commissioner and our MLA Tanveer Sait, under whose Constituency this Circle falls, to think over and start the work early so as to complete it before the coming Dasara. This will enhance the beauty of the Circle.

—**Prof. M.J. Sadiq**
Subashnagar
20.1.2025

New Crafts' Silk India-2025 expo-cum-sale begins

Mysuru, Jan. 28- New Crafts' Silk India-2025, an opulent show of cool cotton handloom products, ethnic and traditional silk, made by master weavers from all over India, was inaugurated by actress Sarika Rao at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road in city this afternoon. **The expo-cum-sale is open to public between 10.30 am and 8.30 pm till Feb. 3.**

It brings together rural weavers from across India, showcasing an extensive collection of handlooms, dress materials, and sarees, including renowned West Bengal cotton sarees.

The exhibition presents a diverse and extensive collection of handloom and handcrafted items, highlighting the following categories: Jewellery: Silver, Kundan, and Meenakari Textiles: Bandhani, Bandhej, and handmade paper Precious and Semi-Precious Stones: Gemstones Handcrafted Items: Wood, ivory, lac, glass, brass, silver and gold; Leather Crafts Other Highlights: Handmade jewellery, carpets, durries, Mojaris/ Jutis, marble crafts and more.

The exhibition celebrates the rich cultural heritage of Gujarat with its colourful textiles, such as Bandhani and Bandhej, which are renowned for their intricate designs and vibrant hues. It also features a vibrant array of handloom products, showcasing the exceptional craftsmanship of rural weavers from across India.

A standout feature of the exhibition is the fusion of traditional handloom techniques with contemporary lifestyle designs. Jute-muslin sarees, with their delicate stripes and pallus adorned with bold jute and gold kairis, make a classic statement. Saha's collection adds variety with the inclusion of affordable yet elegant Tangail sarees.

Two-day Panachee designer expo

Panachee, the renowned fashion and designer exhibition, has organised a two-day exhibition-cum-sale at Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba Road in city on Jan. 28 and 29 from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm. Inaugurated by Namrata Shenoy and organised by Sahanaa Sumanth and Sindu Vikram, this event showcases a curated selection of apparel, jewellery, accessories and home decor, bringing together a diverse range of designers under one roof.

Bird census at Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary on Feb. 1 and 2

Bengaluru, Jan. 28- The Forest Department has decided to conduct bird census to find out the types of bird species present in the forests and a survey will be held on Feb. 1 and 2 at the Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary.

Wild animals such as tigers and elephants in forest areas of the State are enumerated from time to time. However, it is now planned to conduct a bird survey at the Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary. This wildlife sanctuary, bordering Tamil Nadu, is spread across an area of 906 sq. kms.

Survey by 50 teams

Public, wildlife lovers and volunteers are also being roped in for bird surveys and registration has been done in this regard. Fifty teams comprising five to six people including Forest Department staff in each team are being formed for the two-day survey. These teams will visit the forest on the two days from 3 am to 4 am in the morning and in the evening to record the presence of birds.

Just like tiger-elephant census

Bird survey will be conducted just like the tiger and elephant census. Each team will be given a specific location where the species of birds are found and will be recorded. Photographs of birds sitting, flying will be taken and will be recorded in the model application issued by the Forest Department.

The survey reports from all the 50 teams will be collated and reviewed by Forest staff, officials and bird experts.

Then a report is prepared on how many species of birds are there in the forest of the wildlife sanctuary.

Safety measures

As there are more than 300 elephants and more than 20 tigers within the Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary and also many types of wild animals including leopards, wild dogs, Indian Gaur, safety gears will be provided to each survey team for their protection.

286 species of birds?

There is information that a survey of birds was conducted in 2014 at Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary during which 286 species of birds were found. However, this information is not available with the Forest Department at present. Hence, the bird survey is being conducted here again.

Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. Santosh Kumar said that this survey is being conducted to know the species of birds in this wildlife Sanctuary.

The survey is being conducted for two days, for which 50 teams will be formed, he said and added that although a survey is said to have been conducted in the past, information about it is not available with the Department.

Submit documents for Ashraya Houses in Chamaraja Constituency

Mysuru, Jan. 28- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner has instructed the applicants of Ashraya Housing Scheme of the year 2000 to 2004 of Chamaraja Assembly Constituency to submit the relevant documents.

The applicants who had paid the amount in the range of Rs. 5,100 to Rs.10,100 in 2000-2004, for the houses/ sites under Ashraya Scheme of MCC, had not been allotted either of the facility.

A total of 23 acres of land has been allotted at Survey No. 65 of Hanchya village, Kasaba hobli, for the Ashraya Housing Scheme of Chamaraja Constituency.

Those who have already paid the amount and waiting for housing facilities should submit their documents, as decided in the Ashraya Housing Committee meeting held on Aug. 27, 2024, according to a press release

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NEWS BRIEFS

Journalism faculty for Intl. Meet

Prof. M.S. Sapna

Prof. M.S. Sapna, Professor in the Department of Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication and Director (In-charge), EMRC, University of Mysore (UoM), has been invited as one of the key speakers at the 2-day International Conference to be held at Chennai on Jan. 29 and 30. The Conference is being hosted by the Communication Department of Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College, affiliated to University of Madras. The theme of the Conference is 'Generation, Technology, Society, Spaces and Screen.' She will be speaking on the topic 'Representation and Diversity in Indian media.' The Conference is being hosted in association with Indian Communication Council (ICC), according to a press release.

TB awareness rally on Jan. 30

Under National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP), the office of the District TB Eradication Officer has organised 'Sparsh TB Awareness Rally' in city at 9 am on Jan. 30. The rally will be launched from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate and will pass through Albert Victor Road, Hardinge Circle, Siddartha Hotel, Crystal Park, Theobald Road and SP Office Circle, before culminating at the DHO Office in Nazarbad.

Newborn found near a well dies

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (SBD&KS)- A newborn baby boy, which was found wrapped in a piece of cloth and placed near a well at Sahukarahundi village on Sunday morning, died while being shifted to a hospital.

After the baby boy was found at about 8 am on Sunday, Anganwadi worker Roopa informed Senior Supervisor Parvathi at the Office of the Child Development Project Officer.

Following instructions from Parvathi, the Anganwadi worker summoned an ambulance and shifted the newborn baby boy to Cheluvamba Hospital in Mysuru, where the doctors examined the baby and declared it as dead.

Based on the complaint from Parvathi, Yelwal Police, who have registered a case, are trying to trace the parents of the deceased baby.

Alleged harassment from microfinance firms

Two including woman end lives in Nanjangud

Nanjangud, Jan. 28 (BS)- Despite stern warnings from the State Government to microfinance companies against harassing borrowers over loan repayments, two individuals in Nanjangud taluk have tragically taken their own lives.

The deceased have been identified as Jayasheela (53) of Ambale village and Krishnamurthy (35) of Malkundi village.

The Hullahalli Police have registered FIRs against seven microfinance companies in connection with the incidents.

Jayasheela had borrowed Rs. 3 lakh from two finance firms, with a monthly EMI of Rs. 8,500. She later took an additional Rs. 60,000 loan from the same firms, raising her total EMI to Rs. 15,000, including a loan taken in her daughter's name.

The situation worsened when a cow she had purchased with the loan funds died, cutting off her primary income from cattle rearing. Struggling to

Jayasheela

Krishamurthy

make ends meet and unable to repay the EMIs, she faced relentless harassment from finance agents.

On Sunday, unable to bear the pressure, Jayasheela consumed pesticide tablets meant for killing worms in jowar crops. She was found unwell in her agricultural field and rushed to a hospital by villagers but succumbed on the way. Following a complaint by her son Rajesh, the Hullahalli Police have registered an FIR against two microfinance companies.

In a separate incident, Krishnamurthy, a centring worker from Malkundi village, hanged himself at his home on Monday.

He had taken loans amounting to several lakhs in his wife's name to build a house. Struggling to meet the EMIs, he had pledged his wife's jewellery and motorbike to ease the financial strain. Last month, when he delayed a payment, finance agents threatened to seize his house if the EMI was not cleared.

With an EMI payment due on Monday and no way to arrange the required funds, Krishnamurthy returned home and ended his life. Acting on a complaint filed by his wife, Latha, the Hullahalli Police have registered an FIR against five microfinance companies.

Protests erupt

Following the deaths, members of the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Dalit Sanghatanegala Okkuta staged a protest outside the general hospital in Nanjangud. They demanded compensation of Rs. 50 lakh for the bereaved families and strict action against the microfinance firms responsible for driving the victims to such distress.

Con couple cheats 35 villagers, go at large

Aadhaar cards of villagers used to obtain Rs. 50 lakh loan from microfinance companies

Tumakuru, Jan. 28 (BS)-A couple from Doddahosahalli in Puravara hobli, Madhugiri taluk, has gone missing after allegedly securing loans worth several lakhs of rupees from microfinance companies using the identities of unsuspecting villagers.

The accused, identified as Prathap and Ratnamma, disappeared mysteriously two months ago. Their fraudulent activities came to light only recently when around 35 villagers began receiving repayment notices from microfinance companies.

According to the villagers, the couple, who were well-educated and trusted in the community, gained their confidence by claiming they were in financial distress.

They collected Aadhaar cards from 35 women, mostly from farming families, under the pretence of securing loans on their behalf and repaying the amounts.

The women, convinced by their story, handed over their Aadhaar cards. Using these, the couple allegedly secured loans totalling Rs. 50 lakh from over 10 microfinance companies before fleeing the village.

The couple reportedly operated through an association they had formed, leveraging their

Accused Prathap and Ratnamma

strong rapport with microfinance firms to secure maximum loan amounts using the villagers' Aadhaar details.

The affected villagers have complained to the Police, seeking action against the couple and the recovery of the loan amounts.

Protest against microfinance menace

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (GA&BS)- Condemning the growing menace of microfinance companies, activists from the Karnataka State Sugarcane Growers Association staged a protest in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office on Monday.

The protesters alleged that harassment by microfinance companies is driving farmers, women and youth to the brink, with many resorting to suicide under immense pressure. They highlighted instances of verbal abuse, humiliation and harassment by loan recovery agents, leaving victims helpless and struggling to file complaints.

The activists claimed that representatives of these finance companies, who go door-to-door to collect EMIs, operate without proper authorisation or Police clearance. Many do not carry official ID cards and allegedly behave inappropriately, acting as per their whims.

Despite a recent Government directive to address the issue, the protesters pointed out that it remains unimplemented, as evidenced by two recent suicide cases in the Chief Minister's home district.

They urged the MP and concerned Ministers to take up the matter with the Union Finance Minister and establish clear guidelines for loan recovery practices to curb such harassment.

The protest was led by State Treasurer of the Sugarcane Growers Association, Kerehundi Rajanna, along with State Organisational Secretary Hattalli Swamy, pro-Kannada activist B.A. Shivashankar, District President Hadya Ravi and others, including M.V. Krishnappa, Nanjangud Taluk President Ambale Mahadeva Swamy, District General Secretary Kasuvinahalli Manjesh, District Vice-President Muddalli Chikkaswamy, Senapathi and Shantharaju.

Obituary

Dr. T. Srinivasa

Mysuru, Jan. 28- Dr. T. Srinivasa (73), retired Professor and Head of the Department (HoD) of Mathematics at The National Institute of Engineering (NIE) in city and a resident of Kanakadasanagar, passed away following brief illness yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Indumathi Srinivasa, two sons, brothers including Chartered Accountant T. Venugopal and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be held tomorrow (Jan. 29) at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

Puttaraju

Puttaraju (64), Proprietor of Shilpa Tailors on Benki Nawab Street in Mandi Mohalla, passed away on Jan. 25 in city. He leaves behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Jodi Tenginamara Burial Grounds in Bannimantap on Jan. 26.

R. Thyagaraja

R. Thyagaraja (84), retired employee of Central Silk Board and a resident of T.K. Layout, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife, one son, daughter-in-law, grand-son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill here today.

B.V. Javaregowda

Periyapatna: B.V. Javaregowda (67), an Advocate, President of Indo-Tibetan Friendship Society, former Vice-President of Tobacco Board and a resident of Periyapatna, passed away yesterday in the town.

Former Taluk Reporter of 'Prajavani' Kannada Daily, who had identified himself with the Congress party, Javaregowda leaves behind his wife Sheela, two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be held on Thursday at 11.30 am, after his wife and children arrive from abroad.

Pandu

Hunsur: Pandu (80), a resident of New Maruthi Layout at Ward No. 27, passed away in the town. He leaves behind his wife, three sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the burial grounds near Pump House on Monday afternoon, according to family sources.

MUDA 50:50 sites scam

High Court stays ED summons to CM's wife, Minister Byrathi Suresh

Bengaluru, Jan. 28 (KMS & BCT)- The High Court yesterday stayed the summons issued by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to B.M. Parvathi, wife of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh.

The ED had directed them to appear before its investigating officer to record their statements regarding alleged irregularities and money laundering in the allotment of 14 sites to Parvathi by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA). The summons were issued by V. Muralikannan, Assistant Director of the ED's Bengaluru Zonal Office.

A Single Judge Bench, headed by Justice M. Nagaprasanna, granted the interim stay based on separate petitions filed by Parvathi and Byrathi Suresh. Parvathi was summoned to appear on Jan. 28, while Suresh was asked to appear on Jan. 27. However, Suresh did not comply, citing ceremonies related to his son's wedding.

This marks the second time Parvathi has been summoned by the ED, while it was the first instance for Suresh. He sought an extension until Feb. 10, citing ongoing wedding preparations. The Judge stayed the summons and adjourned the hearing to Feb. 10, 2025.

Senior Advocate Sandesh Chouta, representing Parvathi, argued that a coordinate Bench of the High Court had quashed a similar summons earlier in the day issued to former MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh. He pointed out that the detailed order in that case was yet to be released.

Parvathi *Suresh*

Senior Advocate C.V. Nagesh, appearing for Byrathi Suresh, contended that his client had been summoned despite not being named in the FIR and highlighted his preoccupation with his son's wedding arrangements.

Additional Solicitor General Aravind Kamath, representing the ED, stated that the Chief Minister's wife was listed as Accused No. 2 in the FIR (predicate offence) and emphasised the agency's authority under Section 50(2) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, to summon individuals for evidence collection related to such offences.

Justice Nagaprasanna, however, rejected this argument, observing that allowing the summons could undermine the ongoing proceedings before the Court concerning a petition to transfer the investigation to CBI. "Since this Court is seized of the entire proceeding and has itself directed an extension for the Lokayukta Police to file its report, permitting the summons issued by the ED would undoubtedly frustrate the pending proceedings. Therefore, there shall be an interim order of stay as prayed for until the next hearing date," Justice Nagaprasanna stated.

Search continues at MUDA Office

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (RK&BCT)- Officials from the Mysuru Lokayukta SP Office conducted a search operation at the MUDA office on Monday as part of their probe into the alleged illegal allotment of 14 sites to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife, B.M. Parvathi.

The search began at 9 am in the MUDA Office conference hall, where officials reviewed and transcribed audio recordings tied to a meeting in which the decision to allot valuable sites in exchange for land was reportedly made. The audio, captured by CCTV cameras, provided critical evidence of the discussions during the meeting.

Using these recordings, Lokayukta officials identified discrepancies between the conversations and the minutes recorded by 10 MUDA staff members. These findings were a key focus of the operation. SP T.J. Udesh has returned to headquarters after submitting the investigation report to the High Court.

CBI probe into MUDA case

High Court reserves verdict after hearing arguments

Siddaramaiah

Bengaluru, Jan. 28 (KMS & BCT)- The Karnataka High Court yesterday reserved its verdict on a petition seeking to transfer the investigation into the alleged illegal allotment of 14 sites to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife, B.M. Parvathi, from the Mysuru Lokayukta Police to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Justice M. Nagaprasanna, who heard marathon arguments on the petition filed by Mysuru-based social activist Snehamayi Krishna, extended the interim order passed on Dec. 19, 2024. The time granted to the Lokayukta Police to file their final report was also extended until the Court pronounces its judgement.

The petition contends that an impartial investigation is impossible as Siddaramaiah, being the CM, wields significant power and influence over State Departments, including the Karnataka Lokayukta Police. The petitioner also filed an interlocutory application (IA) seeking to add the Enforcement Directorate (ED) as a party-respondent in the main petition.

Accused can't choose probe agency

Senior advocate Maninder Singh, representing Snehamayi Krishna, argued that accused persons cannot decide the investigating agency. He emphasised that transferring the investigation to an independent agency is crucial, as State authorities, including the Cabinet and Chief Secretary, have collectively defended the CM regarding the alleged illegalities.

He cited a Supreme Court judgment indicating that cases involving high-ranking State officials should be investigated by independent agencies for fairness. Singh pointed out that the Lokayukta Police comprises officers from the State Police, raising concerns about their independence.

Undermining Lokayukta Act

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing the State, countered that circumstances outlined by Supreme Court for transferring investigations do not apply in this case. He argued that transferring the probe without revealing Lokayukta Police's findings to both the accused and complainant would be improper.

Sibal also stated that transferring the investigation would undermine the Lokayukta Act, which empowers the Lokayukta to investigate cases, including those involving Chief Minister.

Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, representing Siddaramaiah, argued that Snehamayi Krishna had initially requested a Lokayukta Police probe before the Special Court.

He pointed out that the complainant had not alleged any bias or inefficiency in the Lokayukta Police's ongoing investigation. Singhvi further argued that neither the complainant nor the accused could select the investigating agency and dismissed the notion that the probe should be transferred solely because the Chief Minister is implicated.

Senior advocate Dushyant Dave, representing the landowner Devaraju, claimed that the petitioner had suppressed key documents related to the land in question. He argued that these documents prove the denotification order for Devaraju's land was issued before the final acquisition process.

Gold, silver articles stolen from house

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (SBD&KS)- Gold ornaments and silver articles worth Rs. 7.85 lakh, which were kept in the almirah at the house, have been stolen according to a complaint lodged by a woman with Udayagiri Police.

According to the complaint, the woman, a resident of JSS Layout in city had gone to her sister's house in Bengaluru along with her mother on Dec. 25 and had taken the gold ornaments with her. After returning on Dec. 30, she had kept the ornaments in the almirah. But her mother called her and informed that the gold chain and gold finger ring were missing following which she rushed to the house.

The complaint further states that on examining the almirah, she found the gold ornaments worth Rs. 7.50 lakh and silver articles worth Rs. 35,000 missing.

Udayagiri Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Miscreants steal Rs. 50,000 cash from scooter dickey

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (SBD&KS)- Miscreants have stolen Rs. 50,000 cash kept in the dickey of a scooter at Srirampura in city recently.

The person, who lost the cash, is Shivashankar, an employee of Srivaari Agencies, which supplies coconut oil.

Shivashankar, after collecting cash from various shops which were supplied with coconut oil, had kept the total of Rs. 50,000 in the bag containing ATM card, PAN card and other documents in the scooter dickey.

He had parked the scooter near the agency in Srirampura and had gone inside.

After completing his work, he went to his house and opened the scooter dickey only to find his bag missing.

He then lodged a complaint with Kuvempunagar Police, who have registered a case.

MCC seeks Rs. 2,843 cr. aid from World Bank

Integrated Solid Waste Management Project for Sustainable Development of Mysuru. *Picture right:* ***Improvement of existing Waste Water Treatment.***

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The meeting to discuss the project, initially scheduled to be chaired by Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh on Jan. 24 at Vikasa Soudha, was led by Deepa Cholan, as Shalini was occupied with Chief Minister's official programmes. The project report had been prepared under the leadership of MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff, who has since been transferred.

The meeting was attended by Senior Urban Economist with the World Bank Zhiyu Jerry Chen; World Bank's Regional Director for Infrastructure Vice Presidency in South Asia Region Pankaj Gupta; the then MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff; Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWS&DB) Executive Engineer (JnNurm Mysuru Division) Asif Iqbal Khaleel; MCC Assistant Executive Engineer K.S. Mruthyunjaya; Project Director of the District Urban Development Cell (DUDC), Mysuru, V. Priyadarshini and Assistant Executive Engineer of the DUDC Manjunath.

Officers stated that the meeting involved a detailed discussion on various aspects of the project, with World Bank executives suggesting a few changes before the proposal was sent for financial approval.

Integrated solid waste management plan

As part of the solid waste management plan under the project, emphasis will be placed on integrating all components of waste management, including waste generation, collection, segregation, recycling, treatment and disposal. A comprehensive framework to address waste management challenges while promoting environmental, economic and social benefits.

The initiative aims to promote environmentally sound practices, minimise reliance on landfills, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create economic opportunities. It also seeks to foster public awareness and participation, enable real-time monitoring of waste management processes and reduce operational costs while improving efficiency.

Implementation of City Surveillance System (CSS) in Mysuru City.

City Surveillance System

Utilising advanced technologies like high-definition cameras, sensors and analytics software, this system aims to improve urban safety and management. Objectives include centralising infrastructure management, reducing excavation, enhancing public safety, optimising land use and supporting smart city initiatives.

The project covers surveillance equipment, drones, Command and Control Centres (CCCs), server infrastructure and traffic enforcement. Expected outcomes are crime deterrence, better traffic management and data-driven insights. A critical investment in urban safety and efficiency that addresses security challenges, improves traffic flow and enhances emergency response capabilities.

Digital road assessment

This initiative focuses on developing an Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD) and leveraging drone-based mapping for precise road assessment. Ensures faster turnaround time, precise positional accuracy, real-time spatial data and enhanced safety.

Benefits include improved road safety, high-quality infrastructure and efficient maintenance. The data collected will aid policy-making, ensure better infrastructure and reduce survey costs.

Utilidors

Converting arterial roads into utility tunnels will eliminate frequent excavations, reduce emissions and enhance urban aesthetics. The project will focus on planning, infrastructure development and monitoring.

Facilitates better urban planning, enhances the city's infrastructure and supports future growth. It streamlines utilities and road systems, contributing to a more sustainable, efficient and liveable city that benefits both residents and businesses. Goals include centralised management, reduced maintenance costs, improved traffic flow and sustainable urban development.

Remodelling stormwater drainage system

This will address flooding and improve sanitation through climate-resilient drainage systems, including underground recharge pits and permeable pavements. Ensures the stormwater management system is efficient, eco-friendly and resilient, providing long-term benefits to the city's residents and environment.

STPs can transition from being mere waste processors to hubs of sustainability and resource generation. Expected outputs include reduced flooding, better infrastructure, enhanced public health and climate resilience.

Improvement of wastewater facilities

This project aims to upgrade old wastewater treatment plants with energy-efficient technologies to reduce pollution, recover resources and promote water reuse. Outcomes include cleaner water bodies, improved public health and sustainable development.

Efficient water supply

By implementing District Metered Areas (DMAs), this project will reduce Non-Revenue Water (NRW) caused by leaks and unauthorised connections. Leads to greater transparency, better resource allocation and a more sustainable water network. It moves toward a smarter, more resilient water infrastructure that can meet today's demands and adapt to future challenges.

Objectives include improving operational efficiency, promoting conservation and enhancing customer satisfaction. Benefits include reliable water supply, sustainability and increased revenue.

Conclusion

Mysuru is not just a city but a living emblem of Karnataka's glory, where the past harmoniously meets the present and traditions flourish alongside progress. An MCC official attending the meeting said that the plan aims to preserve this 'living emblem' by executing and maintaining critical infrastructure across city.

Chamaraja MLA launches development works

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (GA&TRR)-Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda launched several development works in his Constituency yesterday.

He launched the road re-asphalting and UGD works in front of Jaganmohan Palace and Cross Roads at a cost of Rs. 116 lakh and also performed *guddali puja* for development works and UGD works in Nazarbad Masjid Cross Roads and Durgamma Temple Cross Road in Ward No. 40. The funds are being provided under 15th Finance Grants of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

Speaking after launching the works, the MLA said that development works worth Rs. 50 crore have already been started and 50 percent of the works are completed at some places.

Block President Ramesh Rayappa, Ward President Nanjundaswamy, Anand, Mohan Kumar, leaders Mahadevu, Manjunath and others were present.

126th birth anniversary of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa

Tributes pour in for the first Indian Commander-in-Chief

Mysuru, Jan. 28 (GA&DM)- On the 126th birth anniversary of Field Marshal Kodandera Madappa Cariappa, tributes poured in from across the nation this morning, honouring the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army.

The Indian Army took to 'X' on January 28, writing, "Remembering the Legend...On his 126th Birth Anniversary, the Indian Army pays homage to Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa, OBE."

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari also shared his respect, posting, "Remembering First Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army Field Marshal Sir Kodandera 'Kipper' Madappa Cariappa."

In Mysuru, as part of the celebrations, floral tributes were offered to the statue of the Field Marshal at the Circle named after him on JLB Road.

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda emphasised that the name of Field Marshal Cariappa, whose contributions to the country's defence are immeasurable, should be honoured as long as the Sun and Moon exist.

Stating that the annual commemoration of the Field Marshal's birth anniversary is a fitting tribute, he highlighted that Field Marshal Cariappa was known for his discipline, dedication and determination.

The MLA also mentioned that the Mysuru Kodava Samaja had previously proposed the installation of a statue of another Kodagu warrior, General K.S. Thimayya. He announced that work has now begun on the statue, which will be installed at the Kodava Samaja premises in Vijayanagar, with funds allocated from his Legislator's fund.

Kodagu's contributions recalled

Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa pointed out that Kodagu is likely the only district in the country where almost every household has at least one member serving in the country's defence forces. He also lauded Field Marshal Cariappa for his pivotal role in shaping the post-independence Indian Army, as well as his involvement in Iran's army structure. Srivatsa added that Cariappa also had a deep love for sports and music.

MLC C.N. Manjegowda stressed the importance of celebrating the Field Marshal's birth anniversary, encouraging youths to draw inspiration from his legacy and consider joining the army.

Manjegowda, an ex-serviceman, urged the Government to ensure that Field Marshal Cariappa's birth anniversary is celebrated as prominently as those of other great personalities.

City BJP President and former MLA L. Nagendra highlighted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrates Deepavali every year with the Armed Forces at the country's borders. He noted the renaming of Metropole Circle as Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle in recognition of the late Commander's accomplishments and called for it to be referred to by its new name.

Former Mayor M.J. Ravikumar suggested that the busy junction at the Circle be made safer by constructing a shelter that covers the entire area to prevent accidents from speeding vehicles. He also called for further development of the Circle.

Former Mayor Srikantaiah, former Corporators Maletira U. Subbaiah and Prameela Bharath, Kodava Samaja President Ponjanda A. Ganapathy, Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club President Mukkatira C. Ashok, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Abhimaani Balaga President Nayakanda Thimmaiah and community leaders were present.

Maharaja Alumni Association to start special classes for SSLC students

Maharaja High School and PU College Alumni Association unveiled the photo of late Dr. N. Rathna, former Director of All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) and an old student of the School, at a function held at the institution premises in city recently. On the occasion, SSLC student-achievers were felicitated by Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy in the presence of Dr. N. Chandrashekar of Aaditya Hospital, Principal Uday and Vice-Principal Mahesh. Association President B.S. Sridhar Raje Urs, in his presidential address, announced that the Alumni Association will be starting a hostel facility for poor and deserving SSLC students from next year while special classes will be held from next week to improve the overall SSLC results.

Eliminate middlemen role

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G.T. Devegowda warned that any errors in documentation could lead to confusion and disruption, urging officials to handle records with utmost caution. He also ordered that no documents should be taken outside the office and directed higher officers to monitor their subordinates' activities.

When taking possession of residential layouts, officials must ensure that essential facilities like drinking water, electricity, underground drainage (UGD) and cleanliness are provided. GTD also raised concerns about unkempt parks, where overgrown bushes have become a haven for leopards, urging immediate cleaning.

While discussing the progress of residential layout handovers in the Constituency, the MLA stressed the need for swift action regarding site numbers, Khata holders and property-related processes. He stated that the handover of residential layouts in the Chamundeshwari Constituency is progressing rapidly.

He noted that while the public frequently visit Government offices with requests to address issues such as drinking water, electricity and UGD, officials are failing to report these problems to him. He questioned how he could resolve these issues without proper communication from the officials.

After collecting taxes for the sites, GTD insisted that issues be resolved immediately. He also stressed the importance of carefully documenting site information, such as urgent matters, property details and Khata holders' names, before uploading records digitally. He warned that any negligence would result in consequences for the Chief Officer.

The Digital Survey of Urban Local Bodies (ULB) is currently being conducted on a pilot basis. As part of this initiative, officials are required to map every site online and ensure that all records are accessible digitally. GTD urged that any issues be brought to his attention before the upcoming budgetary session, set for Feb. 10.

He called on everyone to take responsibility for the proper management of both MUDA and private layouts. Officials and staff from the Town Municipal Councils (TMCs) and Town Panchayats in Chamundeshwari Constituency attended the meeting.

Vidu. Shubha Raghavendra to perform at Ganabharathi

Vidu. Shubha

Mysuru, Jan. 28- Ganabharathi, Mysuru, has organised a Karnatak Vocal Concert by Vidu. Shubha Raghavendra at Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, in Kuvempunagar tomorrow (Jan. 29) at 6 pm.

She will be accompanied by Tanushree on vocal, Vid. K. Ganesh Bhat on keyboard and Vid. Ramesh Dhannur on tabla.

The above programme is sponsored by NSN Rao, Sarala and Prabhavathi Sampat in memory of Kashi Sundaradas on account of Mouni Amavasya, according to a press release from Ganabharathi Secretary C.G. Ravishankar [Mob: 94483-23234]

Purandaradasa Aaradhana tomorrow at Mysore Vasudevacharya's house

Mysuru, Jan. 28- Senior musician and a renowned music teacher in the city, Vidu. M.L. Bharathi, and her students will be celebrating this year's Aradhana of the saint composer Sri Purandaradasa through a concert at Mysore Vasudevacharya's residence near Agrahara tomorrow (Jan. 29) at 10.30 am.

Purandaradasa (c. 1470-1564) is aptly referred to as the 'Pitaamaha' (father) of Karnatak Music, for having safeguarded the pure Indian music system against the onslaught of the influence of the western (Arabian) system.

He is credited with having widened its base so as to take the scholarly classical art form to the masses and help the system sustain itself and thrive forever.

He is believed to have formulated the primary lessons and have provided a methodical format for teaching the art, which continues to be followed even to date, nearly five centuries since his days.

It is acknowledged that his compositions have influenced a galaxy of later composers, including the famed trinity — Tyagaraja, Shyama Shastry and Muthuswami Dikshitar. Mysore Vasudevacharya is a third generation composer in the lineage of Sri Tyagaraja.

Grand Rathotsava at Suttur Srikshetra

Thousands of devotees witnessed the annual Rathotsava organised as part of the ongoing Suttur Jathra Mahotsava of Adi Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Mahaswamiji at Suttur Srikshetra in Nanjangud taluk of Mysuru district this morning. [Pic. by Vatal Anand]

SUTTUR JATHRA EVENTS - TOMORROW (JAN. 29)

PUJA - PROCESSIONS AT KARTHRU GADDUGE

- **4 am:** Maharudrabhisheka, Naarikelalankara, Mahamangalarathi, Silver Chariot Prakarothsava; **6.30 am:** Ayarahalli - Friendship-Cordiality-Peace March; **7.30 am:** Shatsthala Flag Hoisting - Sri Srikanta Swamiji, Sri Viraktha Mutt, Mudigunda & Sri Aramane Panchagavi Mutt, Mysuru; Message - Sri Immadi Basappa Swamiji, Sri Pattada Mutt, Alahalli; **10.30 am:** Sri Nanjundeshwara Temple Maharudrabhisheka; **6 pm:** Sri Mahadeshwara Kondothsava; **6.30 pm:** Maharudrabhisheka, Mahamangalarathi; **7.30 pm:** Pearl Palanquin Procession of Sri Mahadeshwara, Gurubrahmothsava and Jangamothsava; **8.30 pm:** Laksha Deepothsava.

AGRICULTURE SEMINAR

- **10.30 am:** Inauguration of Agriculture Seminar [Topic: Precision Farming for Sustainable Agriculture] - Jagadguru Dr. Sri Mallikarjuna Vishwaradhya Shivacharya Mahaswamiji, Srimad Kashi Jnanasimhasana Mahapeetha, Varanasi and Sri Somashekara Shivacharya Swamiji, Sri Pushpagiri Samsthana Mutt, Pushpagiri, Hassan, will grace the occasion; Inauguration by H.D. Kumaraswamy, Union Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries; Dr. G. Parameshwara, Minister for Home Affairs, presides; Prize Distribution to Progressive Farmers by Eshwar B. Khandre, Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment; Prize Distribution to Progressive Women Farmers by Aravind Bellad, Dy. Leader of the Opposition, Legislative Assembly; Lecture by Dr. Mahanthesh B. Patil, Founder and CEO, Ayodhya Crop Academy, Koppala and Vinod Sundaram, Progressive Farmer, Kodagahalli, Malavalli taluk; **2.30 pm:** Agriculture Quiz; **4.30 pm:** Valedictory of Seminar - Jagadguru Sri Vemananda Mahaswamiji, Sri Reddy Gurupeetha, Hosahalli, Davanagere and Mathaji Vivekamayiji, Sri Bhavatharini Ashrama, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru, will grace the occasion; K.H. Muniyappa, Minister for Food & Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, presides; Valedictory Address by Krishna Byre Gowda, Minister for Revenue; Lecture by Narasimhamurthy Kattimani, Farm Again Agro Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru and Suresh Balnadu, Progressive Farmer, Balnadu, Puttur taluk.

ALUMNI MEET

- **11 am:** Alumni Meet of Suttur Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Prasada Nilayas at Allamaprabhu Auditorium (School Premises) - L. Revannasiddaiah, President (retd. DGP), presides.

CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

- **Gadduge premises — 7 am:** Nadaswara; **8 am:** Sugama Sangeetha - S.R. Nanjundashetty and team, Suttur; **9 am:** Bhakti Geete - Divya Basavaraju and team, Kamalanagar, Bengaluru; **2 pm:** Balapratibhe Pradarshana - K. Arvi, Achangi, Sakleshpur taluk; **7 pm:** Nritya Vaividya - Kadri Nritya Vidyalaya, Mangaluru; **8 pm:** Bharatanatyam - Sri Durga Nritya Academy Charitable Trust, Mysuru; **9 pm:** Layalahari Vishesha Talavadya - Laya Vidya Pratishtana, Srirampura, Mysuru.
- **Adjacent to Govt. Primary School — 7 pm:** Sugama Sangeetha - Gandharvagana team, Suttur.

DRAMAS

- **At Exhibition premises — 7 pm:** 'Koodalasangama' by Niranthara Foundation, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru.
- **At Hiriyara Mane premises — 10 pm:** 'Daksha Yajna' by Rangabhoomi Kala Sangha, Benakanahalli, T. Narasipur.
- **In front of Sri Siddhananja Deshikendra Mangala Mantapa — 10 pm:** 'Samrat Suyodhana' by Sri Chamundeshwari Seva Samithi, Mooganahundi, Mysuru taluk.
- **Adjacent to Govt. Primary School — 10 pm:** 'Shani Prabhava' or 'Raja Vikrama' by Sri Kaliraja Kalasourabha Nataka Mandali, Veeranagere, Mysuru.
- **Behind Sri Ghanalinga Shivayogi Guest House — 10 pm:** 'Sampoorna Ramayana' by Sri Chaya Siri Nataka Mandali, Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

- **Daily from 10 am to 9 pm —** • Exhibition of handloom, handicrafts, rural products, industrial goods and domestic items etc., Book and Art Expo, Educational Models prepared by High School students; • Expo-cum-Sale of products produced by various institutions, Co-operative Societies, Self-Help Groups, Sthree Shakthi Sanghas and cottage industries; • Health, Medical & Science Exhibition.
- **Daily from 10 am to 7.30 pm — Krishi Mela:** • Drip irrigation, Fertigation and other demonstrations under precision farming; • Demo of sericulture drip and sprinkler irrigation; • Demonstration of various vegetable, flower and exotic crops; • One Acre Crop Model; • Demo of superfood crops, chia and quinoa; Demonstration of mechanical sugarcane harvester; • Biochar preparation & usage; • Display & sale of agriculture machinery; • Government and Private agricultural stalls; Exhibition of organic farming inputs; • Exhibition of Desi Livestock.
- **Health Check-Up** by specialists from JSS Hospital and free distribution of essential and available medicines.

NOTE

BUS FACILITIES: KSRTC will be operating special buses to Suttur Srikshetra from various taluks and district headquarters.

For details, contact Suttur Srikshetra, Nanjangud - **Ph: 08221-232223 or 232224;** Information Centre: **Mob: 88969-64242;** JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru - **Ph: 0821-2548212-122.**

LIVE-STREAMING: ***https://www.youtube.com/@jssmahavidyapeethaonline***

Mysore Warriors Golf team wins inaugural Mysore Golf League

Mysuru, Jan. 28- The Mysore Warriors Golf team, owned by city-based NR Group, has emerged victorious in the inaugural Mysore Golf League (MGL), hosted at the Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club (JWGC) recently.

The final showdown between Mysore Warriors and Raj Infra Green Legends saw both teams tied with 4 points each, leading to an intense sudden death playoff. Mysore Warriors triumphed 3-2 over Raj Infra Green Legends and were awarded with the coveted title.

The tournament saw participation of eight teams — Mysore Warriors, Grand Serene Royals, Walkmate Aces, Gravity One Vanaja, Naksha Masters, Sandalwood Strikers, Raj Infra Green Legends and Saanvi's Mysuru Tigers.

The teams battled it out in various formats, namely Four Ball, Foursome (Alternate Shot), Team Scramble and Three-Ball Match Play. The final round, featuring all formats, was held on Jan. 25, with Mysore Warriors coming out on top.

The victorious Mysore Warriors Golf team posing with the trophy. Seen in the picture are (from left) M.G. Chengappa, Raghava Lingegowda, Suresh Balaram, M.S. Advaith, M. Manoj, Dr. Sujith Shetty, A. Anantha, Dr. S. Prasanna Shankar, Krishaa Nichani, R. Venkatesh, Pradeep Nagaraj and Arjun M. Ranga.

State-level 7-a-side Floodlight Football tournament

Mysuru, Jan. 28- Vijayanagar Football Club is all set to host the State-level 7-a-Side Floodlight Football Tournament from **Jan. 31 to Feb. 2.**

The three-day tournament will feature top teams from across South India, competing for the top honours.

The matches will be played at Vijayanagar Football Grounds, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Krishnadevaraya Circle, Mysuru, with the first match kicking off at 4 pm on Jan. 31.

The tournament will be played on a knockout basis, with the winning team receiving a cash prize of Rs. 55,555 and the coveted trophy and three runner-up team getting a cash prize of Rs. 33,333 along with the runners-up trophy.

For further details, contact Mob: 90082-38858 or 80735-91529.

Sadvidya selected for State-level Handball Championship

The boys handball team of Sadvidya Semi-Residential PU College, Mysuru, won the District-level Handball Championship recently and have been selected for the State-level Championship. The winning team — (standing from left) B.R. Ayush, Y. Shamanth Raj, K.R. Deekshith, S. Gagan, Vaibhav Gowda, H.M. Vishruth, K. Dilip Kumar, P. Rohith, S. Vikas — is seen with (from left) Physical Education Director N.D. Jagannath, Kaveri Charitable Trust Secretary M.D. Gopinath, Trust President Prof. MSK Narahari Babu and College Principal Dr. G.R. Kavitha.

MYSORE RACES 2025

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

D GOLD STAR for Andolana Trophy

Mysuru, Jan. 28- Following are the selections for the 12th day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here on Wednesday — Jan. 29, 2025:

1.	2.30 PM	**THE BABABUDAN GIRI PLATE** 1100 mts. - 3 Years (TERMS) *1. PARK WEST 2. SELMA*
2.	3.00 PM	**THE HAMPI PLATE** 2000 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. AURELE 2. SAPIENT*
3.	3.30 PM	**THE VESUVIUS PLATE** 1200 mts. - rated 00 to 25 *1. FELICITA 2. SARO BIRD*
4.	4.00 PM	**THE ANDOLANA TROPHY** 1400 mts. - rated 60 and above *1. D GOLD STAR 2. EXUBERANCE*
5.	4.30 PM	**THE MANGALORE PLATE** 1100 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. INEFFABLE 2. DALHOUSIE*
6.	5.00 PM	**THE COCHIN PLATE** 1600 mts. - rated 40 to 65 *1. TAREK 2. NATURAL TORNADO*

DAY'S BEST: *PARK WEST*

DOUBLE: *1. FELICITA 2. TAREK*

JACKPOT: *2, 3, 4, 5, 6* ***MINI JACKPOT:*** *3, 4, 5, 6*

I TREBLE: *1, 2, 3* ***II TREBLE:*** *4, 5, 6*

EXACTAS: *1 to 6* ***—Tipster PGC***

WORD OF THE DAY

Minuscule

Pronunciation: MIN-uh-skyool (adjective).
Meaning: Something described as minuscule is very small. Minuscule can also mean "written in, or in the size or style of, lowercase letters," in which case it can be contrasted with majuscular.
Origin: Minuscule comes from the Latin adjective minusculus ("somewhat smaller" or "fairly small"), which in turn pairs the base of minus ("smaller") with -culus, a diminutive suffix (that is, one indicating small size). The minuscule spelling is consistent with the word's etymology, but that didn't stop English speakers from adopting the variant spelling miniscule, likely because they associated it with the combining form mini- and such words as minimal and minimum. Usage commentators generally consider the miniscule spelling an error, but it is widely used in reputable and carefully edited publications, and is accepted as a legitimate variant in some dictionaries. (Our own dictionary identifies miniscule as a "disputed spelling variant.")
Example: "Resembling a stout field mouse, B. brevicauda is a tiny burrowing mammal with inconspicuous ears and minuscule eyes well hidden behind a long narrow snout." — Bill Schutt, Bite: An Incisive History of Teeth, from Hagfish to Humans, 2024

THE ODD WORD

Pedophobia

Fear of children.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Joshing Me

Meaning: You use the expression 'Joshing Me' to refer to someone joking with you.
Origin: The origin of expression 'Joshing Me' can be found in the late 1800s, when a young man named Josh Tatum noticed that nickels minted in 1883 were almost the same as five-dollar gold pieces in terms of size and design. He and a friend began to electroplate these coins and pass them off as five-dollar pieces, eventually amassing a small fortune before being caught.
Example: "Ken said he won the lottery, but as it turned out, he was just joshing me."

QUOTE BOX

I attribute my success to this — I never gave or took any excuse.

— Florence Nightingale

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

LAGGING

Answer: Lagging behind.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Piece of office furniture
5 Letters of urgency
9 Fuel consumption unit
12 Intl. Air Transp. Assoc.
13 Indian queen
14 Three for Tiberius
15 Go ___ free: go unpunished?
16 Swindler
18 Roman vehicle
20 Nought
21 Inst. Flying Regulations
22 Placing in position for any operation
25 Church words
28 Aide-de-camp, in short
29 Fluid lubricant
30 Rodent - "a cap" crumpled?
31 Large bird
32 Before as a prefix
33 A tailor's measure
34 Forty winks
35 New Zealand batsman Ryder
36 Marauder, looter or plunderer
38 For each
39 Irritant for a princess
40 Ms Portman of Hollywood
44 Tactful; judicious or prudent
47 A rather biggish frog
48 United Arab Emirates
49 French cheese
50 Salinger girl
51 A conclusion
52 Shout
53 College official

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

F	L	E	A	■	O	A	S	■	K	M	P	H
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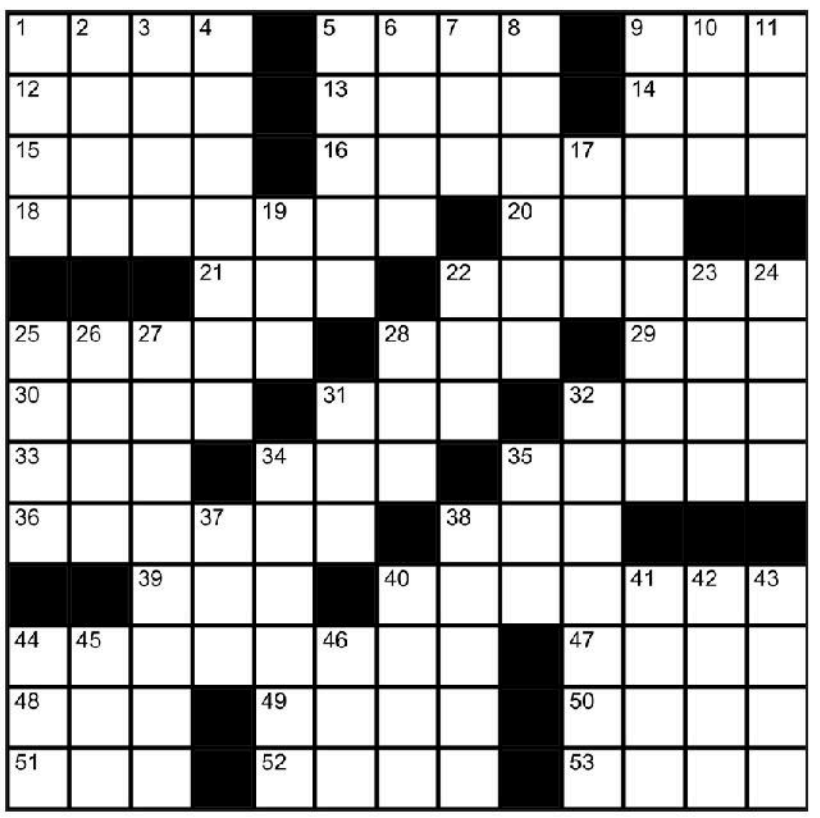
C	L	A	N	■	S	E	N	■	S	O	A	P

DOWN

1 Platter
2 Individually
3 "Oats" anagram for a type of portico?
4 Bollywood's Ms Kaif
5 Beam, shaft; bower formed by trees
6 Sodium chloride
7 Literary snippets
8 Outdoor meal
9 Very large numbers
10 Bakery offering
11 Concert
17 Set of tools
19 Conditions
22 Satellite Data Unit
23 The eggs of a parasitic insect, esp. of a louse
24 Great delight
25 Mimic or copier
26 Ms Sinha of days gone by
27 Overshadowed
28 Stereo component
31 Music is sometimes played by this
32 Oxygenated
34 Close at hand
35 Spout or spurt out
37 Nov. follower
38 Wicketkeeper Prathiv ____
40 Astronaut Armstrong
41 Fail to retain
42 P. Simon's '_ _ _ _ Rock' (1,2,1)
43 The Biblical Garden
44 Owed
45 Bond creator Fleming
46 Before, for the poet



SUDOKU

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		4	9		2			
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6	7	3						9

Answer to previous puzzle

1	3	8	6	9	2	4	5	7
4	5	9	8	7	1	3	6	2
6	2	7	4	3	5	8	9	1
9	7	6	5	4	8	2	1	3
5	1	2	3	6	7	9	4	8
8	4	3	2	1	9	5	7	6
3	9	1	7	8	4	6	2	5
2	8	4	1	5	6	7	3	9
7	6	5	9	2	3	1	8	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

FS DKYPFJD, DSNCSY JDS LYJCKY BPYHFQYSI.

IVDI'H CSY CR IVY PFHXH NCO IDXY

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: You know you're getting old when it takes to much effort to procrastinate.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Forest (K) - 5 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Forest (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Rudhra Garuda Purana (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Daaku Maharaaj (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Sankranthiki Vasthunam (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  Sky Force (H) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Royal (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Max (K) - 5 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Choo Mantar (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Mob: 98863-25207
  Love Is Forever (H) - 3 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Royal (K)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 7.15 pm
Emergency (H)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	(S-1)	10.10 pm; (S-2) 7.05 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	(S-2)	10.35 am
Kudumbasthan (Ta)	(S-2)	1 pm
Sankanthiki Vasthunam (Te)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Twilight of the Warriors: Walled in (E)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
Sky Force (H)	(S-3)	10.25 am
	(S-4)	4.15 pm, 7 pm, 9.50 pm
Mr. Housekeeping (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Ramayana (H)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Rudra Garuda Purana (K)	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Dominic and The Ladies Purse (Ma)	(S-3)	10 pm
Forest (K)	(S-4)	10.20 am
Max (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Royal (K)	(S-1)	10.40 am (S-2) 6.35 pm
	(S-3)	1.25 pm
Rudra Garuda Purana (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 6.45 pm
Max (K)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
Kuzhanthaigal Munnetra Kazhagam (Ta)	(S-1)	9.30 pm
Forest (K)	(S-2)	1.05 pm, 3.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.40 am, 9.20 pm
Sky Force (H)	(S-2)	9.30 pm; (S-4) 4.15 pm
	(S-3)	11 am, 7.05 pm
Dominic and The Ladies Purse (Ma)	(S-3)	4.15 pm, 9.30 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm, 6.40 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Sky Force (H)	:	9.10 am, 10.05 am, 11.50 am, 12.45 pm 2.30 pm, 3.30 pm, 5.10 pm, 6.20 pm 7.50 pm, 9 pm, 10.30 pm
Royal (K)	:	9.20 am, 12.25 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.45 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	:	9.50 am, 6.35 pm
Forest (K)	:	10.10 am, 4.05 pm, 10 pm
Rudhra Garuda Purana (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.10 pm, 7.05 pm
Bottle Radha (Ta)	:	12:45 pm
Ride (K)	:	1.25 pm
Ramayana (H)	:	3.25 pm
Max (K)	:	3.50 pm
Kudumbasthan (Ta)	:	7.05 pm
Sankranthiki Vasthunam (Te)	:	9.30 pm
Dominic & The Ladies Purse (Ma)	:	4 pm, 10.15 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Royal (K)	: 9.50 am, 4.20 pm, 7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Rudhra Garuda Purana (K)	: 10.10 am, 4.10 pm
Forest (K)	: 10.20 am, 1.20 pm, 7.15 pm
Sky Force (H)	: 11.20 am, 2 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.20 pm, 10 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	: 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Sankranthiki Vasthunam (Te)	: 1.10 pm
Max (K)	: 6.45 pm
Ramayana (H)	: 10.15 pm

Wild card entrant Hanumantha Lamani wins Bigg Boss Kannada Season 11

Kiccha Sudeep, host of Bigg Boss Kannada, declaring Hanumantha Lamani as the winner at the grand finale alongside runner-up Trivikram.

Bengaluru, Jan. 28- Young singer Hanumantha Lamani was crowned as the winner of Bigg Boss Kannada Season 11. He claimed the coveted trophy and walked home with Rs. 50 lakh cash prize. Trivikram was declared the first runner-up and Rajath, the second runner-up of Bigg Boss Season 11.

Hanumantha became the first-ever wild card entrant to win the show in its 11-season history. Hanumantha received a record-breaking 5,23,89,318 votes, while runner-up Trivikram got 2,53,12,518 votes. He had also won the direct 'Ticket to Finale' after a task, which secured his spot in the final round.

There were five top contestants including Trivikram, Hanumantha Lamani, Mokshitha Pai, Ugramm Manju and Rajath Kishan.

Hanumantha added a special touch to the finale by giving a heartfelt musical rendition. When the grand finale was just hours away, Mokshitha stood as the only female finalist this season. But she was eliminated, followed by Ugram Manju.

Kiccha Sudeep, the face of Bigg Boss Kannada, hosted the season for over a decade. Sudeep had earlier announced that this will be his final season as the show's host.

Sudeep's father, M. Sanjeev, was also present at the finale show to support his son. He was sitting among the audience. He was introduced by music composer Yogaraj Bhat.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 28)

- **New Crafts:** Silk India-2025, an opulent show of cool cotton handloom products, ethnic and traditional silk, made by master weavers from all over India, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** Vocal concert by Vidu. Prajna Adiga, accompanied by Vid. Rupanagudi Ratna Teja on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Sri Lakshmi Narasimhaswamy Temple, SBM Colony, Srirampura, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Nataraja Performing Arts Centre, Mysuru and Directorate of Kannada & Culture, Bengaluru and Ministry of Culture, New Delhi:** Manjira Mahotsav 2025, Bharatanatyam recital by Vidu. N. Navyashree, **6 pm;** Bharanatyam recital by team Nrityaganga (Disciples of Roopashree Madhusudan), Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kala Vedike, Kuvempunagar, **7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 29)

- **New Crafts:** Silk India-2025, an opulent show of cool cotton handloom products, ethnic and traditional silk, made by master weavers from all over India, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) and University of Mysore Alumni Association (UMAA):** Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly U.T. Khader released the book 'Bhagyavidhata,' authored by young journalist Sindhuvalli Sudheer on the political achievements of Siddaramaiah; former MDJA President K. Deepak speaks about the book, MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah and MP Sunil Bose chief guests, UMAA President Dr. B.J. Vijay Kumar organiser, Pathrakartara Bhavan, Tyagaraja Road, **12.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Vocal concert by Vidu. Shubha Raghavendra, accompanied by Tanushree on vocal, Vid. K. Ganesh Bhatt on keyboard and Vid. Ramesh Dhannur on tabla, Ganabharathi premises, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Rotary Ivory City Mysuru:** Honouring Best Police Constables of our city, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar chief guest, Hotel Southern Star, **7.30 pm.**

INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

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Sky Force (H)	:	9.55 am, 11.20 am, 2 pm, 4.40 pm 7.20 pm, 10 pm
Rudhra Garuda Purana (K)	:	10.10 am, 3.35 pm
Ramayana (H)	:	10.45 am, 6.35 pm
Sankranthiki Vasthunam (Te)	:	12.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Royal (K)	:	1.10 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	:	1.40 pm, 7.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	4.10 pm
Forest (K)	:	4.35 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Royal (K)	:	10.15 am, 4.10 pm, 10 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.15 pm, 4.25 pm
Sky Force (H)	:	10.45 am, 11.50 am, 2.30 pm 5.10 pm, 7.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Forest (K)	:	1.25 pm, 7 pm
Rudhra Garuda Purana (K)	:	1.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Ride (K)	:	4.25 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	7.10 pm
Sankranthiki Vasthunam (Te)	:	7.20 pm
Dominic and The Ladies Purse (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

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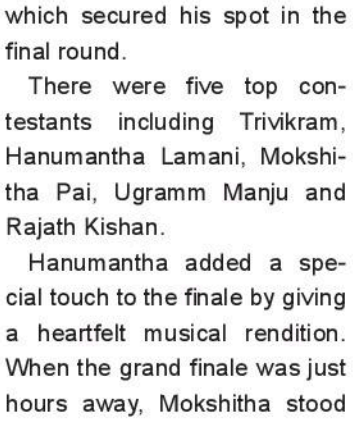

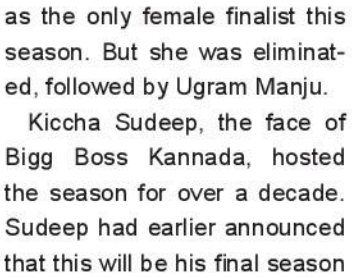

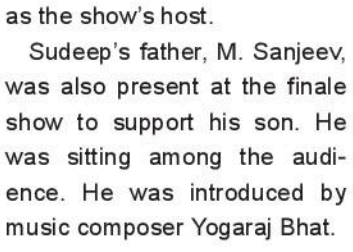

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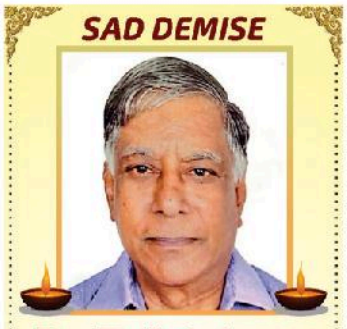

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